

Iron County Register

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NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

The Duke of Connaught has been appointed commander-in-chief of the British forces in Bombay.

Prince Nicholas of Montenegro, the czar's choice for the throne of Bulgaria, is a Russian subject.

The rivers Po and Adige in Italy have overflowed the banks and submerged the country along their courses.

One thousand women dressed in black arrived at Brussels on the 9th to petition for amnesty for the convicted rioters of last March.

The President and Mrs. Cleveland and the cabinet officers who accompanied him to Boston returned to Washington on the afternoon of the 9th.

A dispatch from Rome states that it is reported there that three Italian ironclads have been ordered to join the British fleet now stationed at Malta.

No disturbance worth mentioning took place during the lord mayor's procession at London on the 9th, owing to the unusual precautions taken.

JAMES A. WHITNEY, of New York, has been engaged to prosecute the case of the condemned Chicago Anarchists to the United States Supreme Court.

The national convention of United Presbyterians opposed to the action of the General Assembly on the music question met at Allegheny City, Pa., on the 9th.

The Secretary of the Treasury has appointed Louis C. Starkel, of Illinois, to be an analytical chemist in the Internal Revenue Bureau under the Oleomargarine law.

Disastrous floods have occurred throughout the south of France. Much damage has been done, and washouts along the railroads have compelled the complete suspension of travel.

CARDINAL HATYALD, Bishop of Kalocsa and Bacs, Hungary, has started a subscription for the purpose of raising funds to defray the expenses of removing the remains of the Abbe Liszt to Pesth.

An order of appeal was issued on the 11th staying the execution of Daniel Driscoll, who was sentenced to be hanged at New York on the 12th for the murder of Breddy Garritty.

The Baltimore & Ohio Express Company has succeeded in perfecting arrangements for a through line from New York to New Orleans. The company will begin on December 1, running on their new line.

A year ago Harrison Loper married Cora Brown, aged thirteen years. He died on the 10th in the village of Shrub Oak, Westchester County, N. Y. The widow, who still wears short clothes, has a two-months' baby.

An epidemic of juvenile crime seems to have broken out in Paris. Among the cases brought to public notice is that of a young girl named Georges, who committed suicide in the Seine because of disappointment in love.

The four-oared shell race between Hanlan, Teemer, Hamm and Ten Eyck in one hour and four minutes, was won by Hanlan, who was rowed on the 8th on the Thames at London. Hanlan's crew won. The race was for \$500 a side.

The Comptroller of the Currency has authorized the Alabama National Bank, of Birmingham, Ala., to commence business with a capital of \$500,000; and the Townsboro National Bank, of Townsboro, Ind., with a capital of \$50,000.

It is alleged that John C. Eno, formerly president of the Second National Bank of New York, who robbed that institution of several millions of dollars and fled to Canada, visited his father's residence in this city a few days ago in disguise.

The official vote of the State election in Ohio gave Robinson (Rep.), 340,893; McBride (Dem.), 329,314; Smith (Pro.), 28,657; Bond (Greenback), 1,990. Robinson's plurality, 11,579. In 1884 Robinson's plurality for Secretary of State was 11,342.

An uproar exists at Lacrosse, Wis., on account of the enforcement of Sunday laws. Not only have saloons been compelled to close, but telegraph and telephone companies are required to suspend operations. Milk and baker's wagons are also stopped.

LIEUTENANT LOUIS A. GANLING, Seventh Cavalry, who has been ordered to Washington from Dakota, has been selected at the request of General Dabney H. Maury, Minister to Bogota, for detail as military attaché to the legation to the United States of Colombia.

ALL of the companies of the Second Infantry now stationed at other points are to be transferred to Fort Omaha within a few days. The plan of concentrating troops by regiments in large posts is being carried out as rapidly as the limited appropriations available will permit.

The Dantzg Zeitung predicts terrible distress during the coming winter. It says that trade is paralyzed and that wheat is falling at other points. The authorities of the State dockyards discharge men weekly and that in the arm factories there are also many hundreds idle.

PRINCE KOMATSU, uncle of the Mikado of Japan, called at the White House on the 10th in company with the Princess Komatsu and the members of his suite and paid their respects to the President. The presentations were made by Secretary Bayard.

Mrs. MARGARET CARNEGIE, mother of Andrew Carnegie, the millionaire iron and steel manufacturer, died at her home at Cresco, Pa., on the 10th, after a prolonged illness. Mrs. Carnegie was seventy-seven years of age. Andrew Carnegie, who has been ill for several weeks, is said to be convalescing.

Drs. MURPHY and Lee performed a remarkable surgical operation on Officer Whitney, one of the victims of the Chicago Haymarket bomb, on the 9th. The doctors bore a hole through Whitney's breast-bone and extracted a particle of the bombshell which was rapidly making its way toward the officer's heart. The operation was a pronounced success.

The President finds that it costs something to be a property-chaser in the District of Columbia. He purchased "Oak View" for about \$30,000. He got his tax bill the other day and found that the place had just doubled in value on his hands. Next year the assessor will add the cost of improvements to the grounds and the dwelling, which will make the place worth just one year's salary, or \$50,000.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

MEXICAN authorities refused to give up the remains of Hulet Criner, the American killed in Mexico several days ago.

The Vatican is said to be preparing an official communique and stigmatizing the Italian Government.

LORD SALISBURY's statement at the Lord Mayor's banquet regarding the occupation of Egypt has made a profound impression in French political and financial circles. It was in effect that England would vacate Egypt when she got ready.

The strike of the spinners at Darwin, Lancashire, has been settled, and the operatives will at once resume work.

The New York Board of Trade and Transportation, at a meeting on the 10th, adopted resolutions tolerant of tariff revision and urging the Government to provide coast and seaport defenses.

GENERAL J. R. CHALMERS, who was defeated for Congress in Mississippi in the recent election by Judge Morgan, announced his intention to make a contest for the seat.

The Standard mines at Mount Pleasant, Pa., have been flooded and the fire is thought to be under control. The water will be pumped out and arrangements made to thoroughly ventilate the mines, as they are said to be filled with black damp.

A RUSSIAN engineer claims to have discovered a process of reducing petroleum to the form of crystals, which may be used as a safe transport to any distance and then recovered into liquid form.

C. H. WELLS, the brakeman whose negligence caused the recent terrible disaster at Rio, Wis., was arrested, charged with criminal negligence.

FRANK RYAN, a runner in Castle Garden, New York, was arrested on the 10th on the charge of robbing an emigrant, named John Olsen, of \$500.

STRANGE, the dispossessed Western Union manager of Wichita, Kas., charged with bringing stolen money into Canada, was acquitted at Winnipeg, Man., on the 10th.

When the case of Wm. Henderson, alias "Gordon," alias "Fentleman George," the notorious double-burglar, was called in Justice Naehner's court in Brooklyn on the 10th, the prisoner failed to appear. He had been charged with till-tapping, and was released on \$200 bail, which was declared forfeited.

ASSOCIATED with R. J. Lane in the management of the Saccarappa Leather board enterprise, which is said to have absorbed so large a share of the funds of the Abington (Mass.) National Bank, was George F. Ellis, a young man of extravagant habits, living in Boston. Two weeks ago Davis died suddenly. It is now asserted he embezzled \$50,000 or \$70,000 of the bank's money.

The British Parliament has been further prorogued to December 11.

The First National Bank of Indianapolis, Ind., has decided to go into liquidation.

A STRIKE is threatened among the co-workers of the Connellville (Pa.) region.

THREE men were poisoned, one fatally, on the 10th, by drinking adulterated beer near Saginaw, Mich.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND's cottage home at Washington has been christened "Oak View." It will be the permanent home of Mrs. Folsom and the occasional home of the President and wife.

An Austrian woman, who refuses to divulge her name, has entered upon a twenty days' fast at Paris.

HON. N. M. BELL, Superintendent of Foreign Mails, is a warm advocate of an international parcels-post system.

The Canadian Government is said to be considering the question of a treaty with the Sandwich Islands.

JUDGE SAGE in the United States Circuit Court at Cincinnati threw the famous telephone suit out of court for want of jurisdiction.

PRINCE WALDEMAR states that the decision as to his acceptance of the Bulgarian throne rests with his father.

A PROMINENT officer of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, said on the 11th that the rumor that the Pennsylvania railroad surplus would be used for the purchase of a controlling interest in the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company is without foundation.

A Colonial agent at London has been closed. The total number of visitors was 5,550,749 and the average daily attendance numbered 33,846.

The freight train men of the Cleveland & Pittsburgh road have asked for an increase of wages and for an adjustment of other complaints in regard to hours and service, similar to the grievances lately set forth by the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio men.

RETURNS so far received indicate that the Chicago fair constitution amendment, recently voted on in Illinois, has been defeated.

THIEVES at Boston on the night of the 11th went through the pockets of Wilson Barrett's troupe while performing, taking a lot of jewelry, etc., most of which was recovered.

A BULGARIAN deputation left for Cannes, France, on the 11th, to notify Prince Waldemar of his election to succeed Prince Alexander.

The residence of S. H. Baker, proprietor of the Pennsylvania Car Works at Latrobe, Pa., was first wrecked and then burned by a natural gas explosion in the heating furnace on the 11th. The family miraculously escaped injury. Loss, \$5,000.

The wedding of Miss Annie Hoxie, niece and adopted daughter of H. M. Hoxie, of the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company, to Mr. C. Thorne, formerly of New York, but now of St. Louis, took place in New York on the 11th.

GENERAL FAIRCHILD, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, will visit Nashville, Tenn., arriving Monday, December 6, spending two days. His visit, it is intended, will be made a grand affair.

A queer sensation has been occasioned in the mysterious "Frisco express robbery" case by the reception at the office of the St. Louis Republican of a package of papers, documents, etc., to the value of about \$10,000, which accompanied a letter, and also another letter from "John Bronson," who claims to be the third party, and to have \$7,000 as his share of the swag.

The mint at Philadelphia is turning out \$3,000,000 of minor coins to meet the large demand which has recently sprung up, especially for nickels and pennies.

It is stated that the pending negotiations between the British ambassador to Turkey and the Porte, relative to the Egyptian question, will now be completed forthwith.

ALICE WILEY, a young wife, of New Brunswick, N. J., committed suicide on the 12th.

The funeral of Fred Archer, the English jockey, took place at Newmarket on the 12th.

HENRY WARD BEECHER declines a public reception in honor of his return from Europe.

There is great alarm at Madrid, owing to reports of a threatened outbreak against the government.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

SURVEYOR Lancaster, of St. Louis, reports the collection of \$24,714 custom duties during the first week of November. The collections for the corresponding week of last year were only \$8,746.

Wm. Hennessey, who stabbed and killed James Wade in St. Louis on the evening of the 4th inst., pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the third degree, and after proving his minority was sentenced to one year in jail.

Will Foote, aged twenty-one years, son of C. H. Foote, a prominent citizen of St. Joseph, was accidentally shot a few days ago while carelessly handling a revolver. The ball, a 28-caliber, passed into his forehead at the base of the brain. The wound is a very dangerous one, and recovery is not thought possible.

John O'Day, Sr., father of Hon. John O'Day, the chairman of the Democratic State executive committee, died at Springfield a few days ago, after a protracted illness with Bright's disease. Deceased was eighty-five years old and a native of Ireland. He leaves six children, four sons and two daughters, all grown.

Walter A. Latham, of the St. Louis Bureau, was shot in the head a few days ago. To a St. Louis acquaintance he stated that he was out for a gunning expedition, but he had three well-filled valises, and his assertion was doubted. The St. Louis friend gave it as his belief that Latham was shot in the head by a commercial drummer for a St. Louis house, and did not care for any notoriety until he ascertained what success he is to meet with.

A Jefferson City sportsman recently killed fifty-five quail in a single day. Governor Marmaduke has issued a proclamation setting apart November 25 as a day of public thanksgiving.

The \$10,000 libel suit of M. F. Dowd, against the publishers of the *Farm Journal*, Kansas City, was dismissed, owing to the plaintiff's failure to secure witnesses.

There seems to be a disagreement or misunderstanding between Hon. J. C. McGinnis and some of the members of the Sedalia School Board.

Charles Hulse, a convicted burglar, prisoner in the St. Louis jail, poured oil on himself a few days ago and set it on fire with suicidal intent. His injuries were fatal.

A young Hebrew peddler named Frank Singer was found dead in bed at St. Joseph on the 10th, having taken an overdose of morphine with suicidal intent. He had made to previous attempts upon his life. He was twenty-one years old and single.

In the Criminal Court at Sedalia, Edward Carp and Birdie Coleman, the latter a girl, were sentenced to the penitentiary for burglary and larceny. Carp is a circus man, and burglarized several houses in Sedalia last spring. He escaped from the calaboose, but a few weeks later was recaptured. He is now in the penitentiary after a bitter legal fight.

E. T. Payne, a colored man, met with his death at Helm's brewery in Kansas City a few days ago. He was running a wheelbarrow in front of him across a street, when he was run over by a street car. He was a distance of four stories. He was immediately picked up and was found to be unconscious. Payne was removed by the patrol wagon to his home, where he died a few hours later.

It has been discovered that the entire support of the floor in the House of Representatives at Jefferson City has become rotten, and that any considerable weight would cause it to fall through. The architects who recently examined it were surprised to find that it did not fall through during the last session of the Legislature.

The fire that broke out in the House of Representatives at Jefferson City has become a destructive fire was reported in the village of Townsend, Va., on the 12th. The fire broke out in the morning, and several residences were destroyed and a number of others were momentarily expected to go.

C. B. CHATFIELD's large flouring mill and elevator at Bay City, Mich., burned last night, with a loss of \$100,000. The mill had a capacity of 6,000 bushels of wheat. Loss, \$30,000; insurance, \$22,000.

EDWARD SHIELDS, an ironworker, died at Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 12th from the effects of injuries received in a saloon brawl several weeks ago, when he received a blow on the head from a beer glass, said to have been thrown by one Henry Ford, who is now in jail.

SHORTLY after midnight on the 12th a fire broke out in St. Peter's Roman Catholic cathedral, in Allegheny City, Pa. The fire had gained a headway when the firemen appeared on the scene that all efforts to extinguish it proved futile. The edifice was totally destroyed. Loss estimated at \$100,000, fully covered by insurance.

PROF. JOSEPH SCHRECK, the principal of the German academy at Holoken, N. J., was arrested on the 12th upon a charge of cruelly beating Theodore Willis, one of his pupils. The boy's body was shown in court and was found to be covered with black and blue welts. Schreck was held to answer to the grand jury.

It is now stated that Russia favors the Montenegrin prince, Blazo Pritvitch, over the Bulgarian throne.

THERE were 231 failures in the United States and Canada during the seven days ended the 12th, as compared with a total of 186 for the preceding like period.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

SULLIVAN knocked Paddy Ryan out cold at San Francisco on the night of the 10th, and then picked him up and carried him to his corner. The set-to was witnessed by an immense crowd.

The "Frisco express robbery" continues to puzzle the detectives, notwithstanding the claims continually set up that they will soon have the culprits.

The will of Mrs. Stewart was probated in New York on the 13th without any objection having been made.

The Treasury Department has commenced the issue of the new two-dollar silver certificates.

A DUBLIN tradesman explains that his bankruptcy is due to his being boycotted by the National League.

According to official figures the army of the United States now consists of 2,102 officers and 23,946 enlisted men.

A CLEVELAND saloonkeeper was fined fifty dollars on the 13th for selling liquor between the hours of midnight and six o'clock a. m.

A NEW YORK jury on the 13th, after seventeen minutes' deliberation, found the body of J. Whitcomb, a private detective, guilty of blackmail and endeavoring to extort \$1,000 from Charles B. Seers, of Buffalo.

Mrs. JANE WHEELER was brutally murdered at Cleveland, O., on the morning of the 13th. Benjamin Wheeler, her husband, has been arrested on suspicion of having been concerned in the deed.

CONGRESSMAN W. T. FRICK, of Wisconsin, is living seriously ill at his home in Black River, and is not expected to recover.

The American Secular Union, at its meeting in New York on the 13th, elected the following officers: President, Courtland Palmer; secretary, Samuel P. Putnam; treasurer, Eugene McDonald; and a committee of five.

The Indianapolis, Peru & Chicago railroad was sold on the 13th under decree of foreclosure for \$1,060,000. The bondholders were the purchasers.

The entertainment at San Francisco on the night of the 13th for the benefit of the Charleston sufferers netted about \$5,500.

Mrs. MIRIAM PUTNAM, a daughter-in-law of General Putnam of revolutionary fame, celebrated her one hundred and second birthday at Danvers, Mass., on the 14th.

A WELL-DRESSED man entered the jewelry store of Charles Upmeyer at Milwaukee, Wis., on the evening of the 13th, threw a handful of red pepper into the eyes of the proprietor, seized a bundle of watches and escaped.

The official returns of the New York city election show that Hewitt received 10,522 votes for mayor; George, 68,110; Roosevelt, 60,453; and Wardwell, 52,2.

THE EXPRESS ROBBERY.

Detective Efforts Gradually Throwing Light on the Mystery.

A Washab Engineer's Evidence Which Taken Alone, Gives the Case a Bad Look for Messenger Fotheringham—Present State of the Case.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 12.—The first information that the "Frisco express robbery," other than that given by Messenger Fotheringham himself, was coming from the present state of the case, was given by Engineer Heffernan of the Washab road, who runs from St. Louis to Moberly, where he has a family.

Mr. Heffernan stated that on the night of the robbery he was oiling his engine at Union depot when the "Frisco train" pulled across his track and stopped so that Fotheringham's express car was only sixty feet away from him. The electric light shone full on the scene and he could see the messenger working with his helper, a stout Irish porter. Heffernan's attention was, however, incidentally directed to the actions of a young man about five feet ten, rather stout, with a reddish face and apparently about thirty years old. The man walked down the platform till he came to the electric light, when he stopped. He was carrying a valise, which he put down on the platform.

He walked around in a nervous way, clasping and unclasping his hands, as if exceedingly anxious. The engineer's attention was directed to him very much because his actions were very peculiar. He also saw the messenger's door open and a dark, dark-brown derby hat was well pulled down over his forehead. All these details were noted as he passed back and forth under the light as he saw it.

Now comes the sensational part of Heffernan's tale: "I was just about to start my train, and had, in fact, rung the bell, when I saw the man who was carrying the valise just across my path, as both tracks cross there at an angle of about forty degrees. There was nothing for me to do but wait until the 'Frisco' had pulled out. I then had plenty of time to take in my surroundings. Among other things I noticed Fotheringham's helper leave the car and go back to the express office. The messenger's door remained open. I made a last inspection of my engine with a torch, and while doing so the young man left his valise and the electric light, and walking up to me, he said: 'What train is this?'

"This is the Washab," I replied.

"Which is the 'Frisco express car?'" he asked.

"There it is," I replied, and I pointed toward the car. As I did so I flared my torch up toward his face to get a sight of his features, but he turned away before I could get the light on him and returned to his valise. As he reached it the "Frisco" rang her starting bell. The stranger looked quickly around him and, grabbing his grip as the train began to move, walked quickly toward the messenger's door. He passed the baggage car, and, on reaching the open door of the express car, threw his valise in, stretched up one hand and arm to somebody on the car and then disappeared as if pulled in. In fact, I don't see how he could have got into the car as I saw him do it unless somebody had caught him by the hand and helped him in. As soon as my track cleared I pulled out and thought no more of it till the robbery came to light."

Heffernan was closely questioned as to the distinctness with which he saw the man, and asserted that he saw him perfectly, as he was only twenty feet from him and in the full glare of the electric light. He was asked as to whether any note was presented by the stranger when he reached the express car. To this Heffernan replied emphatically: "He didn't possibly have done it. He didn't wait at the door of the car a second and didn't say anything to anybody. He just threw in his valise and went in himself as fast as he could. The train was moving and he couldn't have waited until a note was read, anyway."

The opinion Heffernan formed of the man was that he wasn't a railroad man and was more like a gambler.

Thomas Dwyer, the Adams Express Company's helper who was seen by Engineer Heffernan working with Fotheringham, as stated above. The helper's duty is to assist in transferring the express matter from the office to the car. He is supposed to stay with the car, and the messenger arranging the packages until the train pulls out. The custom of messengers is to close the car as soon as the express matter is received. Dwyer appeared before the grand jury about the car being closed and said he left Fotheringham alone a few minutes before the train left.

FOTHERINGHAM'S TALKS IN JAIL.

Jail life does not appear to worry Express Messenger David S. Fotheringham in the least. He takes very kindly to his new quarters and seems to care very little about being deprived of his liberty. He talks in a manner that rather impresses one that he is innocent, notwithstanding the circumstances of the case against him, and he does not appear to have the least doubt about coming out of the matter all right. He says: "I know I am innocent, and I am a free man, and any thing against me, so why should I worry. A short stay in jail is not going to hurt me any. I can stand it."

THE PRESENT STATE OF THE CASE.

The real facts of the robbery are as much enveloped in darkness now as on the day when Fotheringham first made his statement to a reporter. The theory of the robbery which was hit upon by the mass of people who studied the case was that the messenger had conspired to rob the car and had been assisted in the robbery by one or two friends. It became as popular to spring that theory as it was to spring the theory of acquaintance, as it was to mysteriously hint that Preller would appear alive and in the flesh at Maxwell's trial.

A Bonus to Bondholders.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—Secretary Manning today issued notice that interest falling due December 1, next, upon coupon and registered bonds of the loan of 1891 will be paid at once at the Treasury without rebate. Coupons of four per cent. cost of borrowing for January 1, next, will be paid on presentation before maturity upon rebate of interest at the rate of three per cent. per annum.

The Treasury will also pay the loan will also be paid on and after December 1, next upon application, accompanied by proper power of attorney. In effect this is an offer to pay about \$10,000,000 of interest from this date to six days in advance of the time it will fall due.

Liberty in Darkness.

New York, Nov. 12.—When the sun was fired from Castle William, the lights on the bridge and in the battery flashed out, but not a ray came from Liberty's tower, and she gradually disappeared in the night. Neither Lieutenant Miller nor any of the men who operate the lighting apparatus went to the island. Many people went over on the last boat to see how the goddess looked enveloped in light and were greatly disappointed. There were more visitors on the island yesterday than on any day since the unveiling. Among them were District Attorney Martine and Postmaster Hendrix of Brooklyn. A proposition for lighting the statue is under advisement.

DECIDEDLY COOL.

"Jim Cummings," the "Frisco Express Robber," in the Midst of the Cases Attending the Safe-Keeping of His Plunder, Finds Time to Indulge His Sense of Humor, and to Behave Useless But to Others Valuable Papers.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 12.—There probably never was a highwayman who took so much pleasure in his profession as the gentleman who is coming to be known to fame as Jim Cummings. This humorous rogue has captured one of the biggest bundles of money ever lost by an express company, and despite the fact that a very corporation and the largest detective organization in the entire country are doing every thing that money and brains can do to run him down, Mr. Cummings occupies his spare time in gazing his pursuers, and in furnishing them with false clues upon which to exercise their ingenuity. He seems to feel so absolutely assured of his safety that he can afford to have a little lancey lance with the express company. The matter printed below will show how his sense of humor occasionally asserted itself, even while he was in the very midst of the serious avocation of rifling money packages. Mr. Cummings is evidently a gentleman from whom a very breezy interview could be had upon the art and mystery of express robbery. If he were willing, the although from present appearances that interview seems to be merely a contingent possibility.

The Republican on Wednesday received an epistle from Mr. Jim Cummings, dated TOPEKA, Kas., Nov. 8 '88.

DEAR SIR:—I would just like to tell you in the hope that you will publish them, and by so doing will right a wrong done to an innocent man. I am the man who was carrying the "Frisco" train robbery of Oct. 25-1888 they all seemed inclined to throw suspicion on the messenger, Mr. Fotheringham. Now is not the case, as you know, and I will say I consider Mr. Fotheringham a brave and sensible man. He did not give up struggling to get the money back, as Smith and Wesson No. 38 looking him in the face. Our intention was first to "hold up" the messenger, and then to come back to St. Louis and rushed the letter on them. Look for package in Union depot addressed J. M. on Oct. 25-1888. Also look for package on St. Charles bridge on Missouri river north bank near last dyke that runs out in river for arms and I tell you, you will find it. The work was done. The skiff lays behind the dyke. I came down the river Tuesday night from Labadie my partner got points on express office. The letter was sent to the express office. "Damsel" sent the express company as they are of no value except to him. Now Mr. Editor please acknowledge receipt of this in your paper and say so. I am not only clear up the character of an innocent man but also you will let me know of the arrival of four packages of stuff for Mr. Damsel. Yours truly, JIM CUMMINGS.

P. S. I sent that bank note to Frank James for a joke not for any desire to get him into any trouble.

Although the letter is dated November 8 it was not posted until the morning of November 10, reaching St. Louis on the same night. The handwriting is of that peculiar backhand about which so much has already been said in the papers. An examination of the letter shows that the handwriting is the same as that of the letter sent to the *Globe-Democrat* and of the Frank James and Mrs. McKim. The letter was sent to the express office by itself. On the day before its arrival one package of rifled express matter had come to hand and on the 10th the three bundles turned up. All of these packages were made and tied by man thoroughly used to fixing up bundles. The covers were neatly folded in, and the whole appearance of the parcels was that of express packages, and rather valuable debris of the robbery. Under one receipt for money package, First National Bank of Topeka, Kas., appeared the following signature: "Jim Cummings, for First National bank, Topeka." And then in the line below, where any fault is to be noted, occurred the words:

"I have no complaint to make whatever." The pleasant frame of mind in which Mr. Cummings was passing his time was shown in many other places. He opened and gave through every envelope of the several hundred, on many of which were singular markings and signatures. The letter which it displayed better than in the penciled of which will be found below to go on a "bloke's" bond to give the aforesaid a chance to show if he was any good on earth. The same being the case, Cummings, while appended was a statement that the value of Mr. Cummings' property was \$35,000.

One of the packages contained a great number of mortgages and notes, the whole being valued at something over \$8,000.

Yesterday afternoon all of the papers were turned over to Mr. Damsel for the Adams Express Company.

Of course there has been much speculation about this "letter," in which, however, there is no mystery, and it is hardly worth while to publish the conclusions to which the detectives have arrived. The mail matter originated at the Topeka post-office, and the dates would go to show that Jim Cummings must have passed at least a couple of days in that town. Beyond this all is conjecture and doubt. Cummings is playing a bold game, which is inspiring a sort of admiration for his very audacity. He seems to have no purpose to do any needless destruction. He has got the cash, and he has returned the other papers to the express company in a manner which is spite of the robbery speaks well for him.

The Democratic Majority in the Next House.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—Secretary McPherson of the Republican committee now figures that the Democrats will have 153 members in the next House. This is claiming the election of Symes, Republican, in Colorado. Then, if the three labor candidates are original, the Democrats will have 171 members. If the Democrats have elected Reed in Colorado, as yesterday's dispatches indicate, then the next House will contain 172 Democrats and 152 Republicans.

Another Death-Dealing Invention.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 11.—S. D. Molanoff, a Russian resident of this city, claims he has invented a new kind of dynamite bomb. He says he has discovered a liquid with which nitro-glycerine may be mixed, making it non-explosive, but by adding another chemical the nitro-glycerine is transformed into its original state. He uses double shell, the inside one containing the non-explosive mixture of nitro-glycerine and the outer one containing a chemical which liberates the pure nitro-glycerine. Major-General Howard says the invention is worth looking into. Other officers have pronounced favorably upon it. The French Minister of War has written details to experiment on the invention.

Fatally